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SUBJECT:
LEGISLATION-S. 782

April 1, 1969

Mr. Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Houston:

Mr. Kiker and I appreciated our luncheon with you and John Warner, and the opportunity to discuss the formulation of an Executive Branch position on S. 782.

Attached is a request from the Senate Constitutional Rights Subcommittee concerning questionnaires which I had mentioned to you.

Please let us know of any progress in your conversations with the Bureau of the Budget and the Civil Service Commission. Meanwhile, we plan to brief the front offices on the problems this legislation presents, and the most effective way Defense might present its views to the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert T. Andrews".

Robert T. Andrews
Office, Assistant General Counsel
(Manpower and Reserve Affairs)

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(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 234, 90TH CONGRESS)

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 18, 1969

File

Honorable Melvin R. Laird
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Constitutional Rights Subcommittee is attempting to define the rights and duties of citizens who receive government questionnaires.

To assist us in our study and forthcoming hearings, would you kindly supply the Subcommittee with copies of all questionnaires of your department, or its agencies, soliciting information from individuals for statistical purposes which have been mailed to citizens during the last five years.

Please indicate

- (1) which inquiries were distributed by your own department or its agencies;
- (2) which were processed for you by the Census Bureau;
- (3) whether or not the reply to each inquiry was voluntary or mandatory and whether the recipient had notice of this.

Would you also

- (1) cite and supply a copy of the statute authorizing each questionnaire; and
- (2) provide copies of any follow-up letters sent to encourage compliance by recipients.

Since we are scheduling hearings in April, your prompt compliance with this request will be greatly appreciated by the Subcommittee.

If there are any questions or if any difficulties are anticipated in gathering this information, please do not hesitate to communicate with the Subcommittee staff at 180-5527. We shall be happy to cooperate in any way possible.

With all kind wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Sam J. Ervin, Jr.
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